

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2784 - SB 2989**

March 9, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that a uniformed Highway Patrol officer be present at every construction zone on state and federal roads and highways while workers are present. Specifies that such provisions shall be applicable only when the Department of Transportation or its agents indicate presence of workers with signs with flashing amber lights.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$500,000 / Highway Fund**  
**Increase State Revenues - Less than \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- the Department of Transportation currently has an agreement with the Department of Safety to provide highway patrol officers primarily for interstate construction zones. In Fiscal Year 2003, the Department paid over \$500,000 for this service.
- extending such coverage to all construction zones would result in an increase in expenditures estimated to exceed \$500,000.
- increased patrol of construction zones will result in additional speeding violations in such zones. A 10% increase in violations with result in approximately 300 additional violations with an average fine of \$300.
- state receives fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- clerks receive commission on fines collected.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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